

SENATE RESOLUTION 175

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A RESOLUTION to honor Patrick "Trey" Carter III on being named one of the Top 35 Millennial Influencers in the Country.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Patrick "Trey" Carter III, entrepreneur, speaker, and consultant, is one such exemplary citizen; recently named one of the Top 35 Millennial Influencers in the Country by the Next Big Thing Movement, he is the only Tennessean or Memphian to be included on the 2018 list; and

WHEREAS, the Next Big Thing Movement is a global nonprofit organization that supports and recognizes millennials who are change agents and difference makers; the organization serves as a social movement and platform, and its network includes over 20,000 young professionals and creatives; and

WHEREAS, a second-generation entrepreneur, Trey Carter carries forth the legacy of his father as the president of Memphis's Olympic Career Training Institute (OCTI), a logistics and distribution training company certified by the Department of Labor, the Veterans Affairs Administration, and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, OCTI trains military veterans and unemployed and underemployed individuals in OSHA-compliant forklift operation and other warehousing and distribution competencies; and

WHEREAS, OCTI is helping groom Memphis's young people as the future architects of technology by providing cutting-edge instruction in coding for MPloy Summer Youth Experience students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his career, Mr. Carter is also active in Memphis as a civic leader; he has given back to his community as a commissioner for the Shelby County Emergency Communications District and a member of several boards, including the Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce, the Autozone Liberty Bowl Patriots Club, the Memphis Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mid-South, and the Mayor's Young Professionals Council; and

WHEREAS, a founding board member of West Cancer Center, Trey Carter has served as co-chair of the Shelby County Housing Authority, vice president of the Memphis Urban League Young Professionals, and president of Graceland Toastmasters and is a member of Soundcheck: Growing The Memphis Economy, the Memphis Urban League, and the Memphis Chapter of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of White Station High School and Leadership Memphis, Mr. Carter holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Business/Business Management from Florida A&M University and E200 Certification from the Small Business Administration and participated in the Talent Identification Program at Duke University; and

WHEREAS, Trey Carter's many accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the guidance, support, and companionship of his father and role model, Pat Carter; his loving mother, Mattie Carter; and his devoted sister, Kimberley Byrd; and

WHEREAS, through his receipt of this prestigious honor, Trey Carter is shining a bright light on his hometown of Memphis and the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Patrick "Trey" Carter III on being named one of the Top 35 Millennial Influencers in the Country by the Next Big Thing Movement, commend his ongoing commitment to social progress through public service, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.